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BLUE GRASS CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) **PROJECT UPDATE**

Recently there has been increased news coverage regarding the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP). While we work to resolve issues regarding project funding and direction, we are committed to keeping you informed of the latest developments. Here is a brief update:

 Based on anticipated funding constraints, the Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) and Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass are studying options that may reduce the cost of constructing and operating the destruction facility while fully protecting our workers, the public and the environment.



- The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency has been directed by the Department of Defense to investigate the possible relocation of chemical weapons stockpiles in an effort to help the United States achieve a 2012 Chemical Weapons Convention (treaty) 100 percent destruction milestone. ACWA and Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass are not involved in the relocation investigation.
- Until the results of this investigation are known and funding priorities within the Chemical Demilitarization Program are better defined, construction of the BGCAPP has been suspended. At the government's direction, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass suspended all bids and implemented a hiring freeze as of January 11, 2005.
- Throughout these program changes, our commitments to safely destroying the chemical weapons stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot and keeping you informed remains unchanged. We will also share information we are provided on the relocation evaluation as soon as the Army's Chemical Materials Agency completes this task. Information will continue to be distributed through additional mailers, our quarterly newsletter and regular briefings in the community.

For more information, call the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at (859) 626-8944.

To keep you better informed and seek your opinion, the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will be sending you project updates every so often. If you have questions or comments, jot them down and send the reply card back, or call the outreach office at (859) 626-8944.

UPCOMING EVENT

Kentucky Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB) Meeting February 15, 2005 Eastern Kentucky University's Carl D. Perkins Building 1 - 5 p.m.

We Look	‹ Forward	to Your	Feedback

Your comments:				
☐ I am comfortable with the information you are providing. Please keep it coming.				
☐ I have additional questions or would like to talk about scheduling a presentation. Please contact me.				
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